



FATAL ATHENS FACEOFF — A bus owner shouting at police as barricades burned Monday at a bus depot. He and other owners were protesting the government's plan to renationalize Athens's public bus system. One owner was killed and six were wounded when the police stormed the depot to seize the buses from their former owners.

For OECD, Recovery Is Still Around The Corner

By Carl Gewirtz International Herald Tribune PARIS — The global economic recovery, seen for years by the OECD to lie just around the corner, just remains there. A solid expansion is under way in North America, the semi-annual outlook published Monday by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development says, and Britain, Australia and New Zealand are experiencing "moderate if unspectacular recoveries."

ANC Presses For Elusive Accord With Right Wing

Whites Offer a Deal: Peaceful Transition in Return for a Homeland CAPE TOWN — An eleventh-hour attempt to involve South Africa's rightists in a transition to democracy stalled Monday with the conservative Freedom Alliance accusing the African National Congress of unreasonable demands.

How Christopher Jettisoned Power to Ride Out Storm

By Daniel Williams New York Times Service WASHINGTON — If Defense Secretary Les Aspin, who resigned last week, offers a study in how to lose a cabinet job, Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher provides a lesson in how to keep one. In trouble similar to Mr. Aspin's weeks ago, after major policy stumbles and lackluster public appearances, Mr. Christopher took the initiative to improve his standing in ways Mr. Aspin did not, according to officials.

A Business Debacle Casts Doubt on Inman's Skills

By Stephen Labaton New York Times Service AUSTIN, Texas — At his Rose Garden introduction last week as the nation's next defense secretary, Bobby Ray Inman promised to apply the experience he gained in corporate America to the Pentagon in the hopes of bringing what he called the "best business practices" to the government and getting "a dollar value for a dollar spent on defense."

Many Expected More From Hosokawa

By David E. Sanger New York Times Service TOKYO — When he swept into office five months ago as the unlikely leader of a political revolution, Morihiro Hosokawa was hailed as the prime minister who could finally change Japan. He revealed in American-style politics — from teleprompters to polo shirts to brisk tennis games — and promised to end Japan's political corruption and economic collision.

Two Houses, but No Home, for Russia's Parliament

By Fred Hiatt Washington Post Service MOSCOW — Say you're president of a major country. Biggest country in the world, in fact. Say you have a chance, with one move, to offend the press, inflame your newly elected parliament, inconvenience your major creditors — oh, and insult the disabled as well.

Ararat Hopes for Breakthrough in Paris

Compiled by Our Staff From Despatches TUNIS — The Palestine Liberation Organization chairman, Yasser Arafat, said Monday that talks on Palestinian autonomy were "going through difficult times" but that he hoped for a breakthrough with their resumption Tuesday in Paris.

Kiosk Milan Probe Cites Northern League

MILAN (AP) — Umberto Bossi, whose Northern League is Italy's fastest-growing party in the wealthy north, has himself come under investigation in the country's vast political scandal, news reports said.

CBS Out of Football

NEW YORK (AP) — CBS lost its bid Monday to televise the AFC portion of the National Football League, leaving it without professional football for the first time in nearly four decades. NBC won the rights. The terms were not announced.

Coalition Barred — Zoran Djindjic, leader of Serbia's Democratic Party, Monday in Belgrade. He ruled out a coalition with the Socialists. Page 2.

Business/Finance Volvo nominated chief of a unit of ABB Asea Brown Boveri as its chairman. Page 9.

Book Review Chess Page 5.

Table with 2 columns: Country/Currency and Exchange Rate. Includes entries for Andorra, Antilles, Cameroon, Egypt, France, Gabon, Greece, Ivory Coast, Jordan, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Morocco, Qatar, Réunion, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey, U.A.E., U.S. Air, and U.S. Air (Eur.).

Table with 2 columns: Index Name and Value. Includes Dow Jones (Up 3.64, 3,755.21) and Trib Index (Down 0.35%, 109.76). Also includes The Dollar (Mon. close 1.7129, previous close 1.7094), DM (1.4665, 1.468), Yen (110.80, 110.195), and FF (5.838, 5.836).

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An Old Arkansas Story

Much as Bill Clinton might wish, the curious saga of his and his wife's dealings with the owner of a failed Arkansas savings and loan association just won't go away. It keeps popping up in congressional inquiries and news-paper accounts, each time with a new and unconvincing detail added to an already unflattering portrait of the cozy relationship between money and politics in Arkansas.

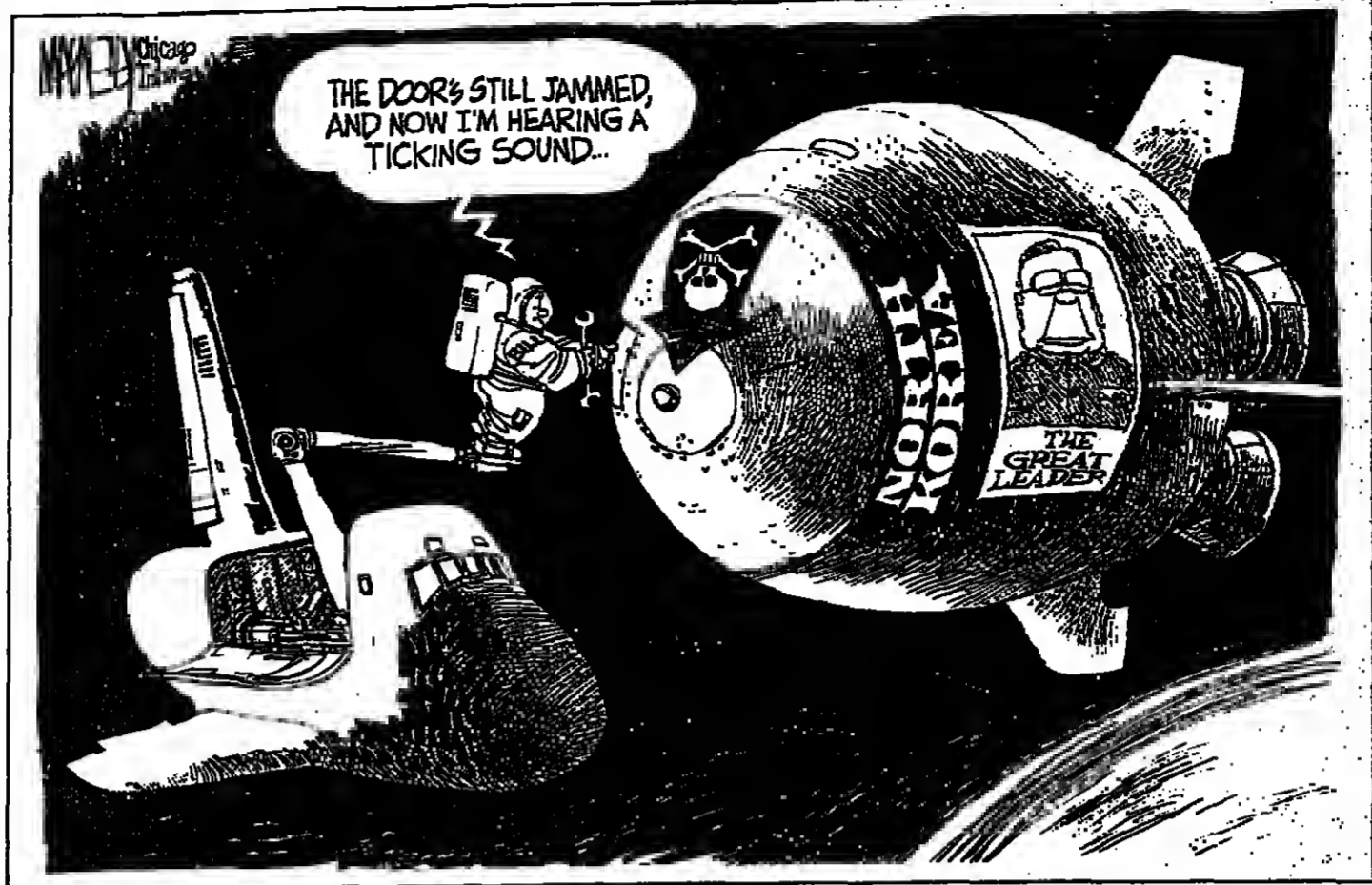
There is no irrefutable evidence of a quid pro quo. But the Arkansas savings and loan mess, and the Clintons' relationship to it, is not, as the White House keeps saying, a "old" story that has no relevance to Mr. Clinton or his present job.

An Uncomfortable Start

Bill Clinton sent a great many messages last week with his rapid replacement of Defense Secretary Les Aspin with Bobby Ray Inman. Mr. Inman seemed to be sending some messages of his own. Much will depend on how the Clinton and Inman messages fit together.

Putting the Staff on Board

The tentative agreement by United Airlines to sell a majority stake of the carrier to its employees is an attractive solution to a seemingly unsolvable financial problem. It could spread to the other major carriers and beyond.



Look, Bosnia and Its Horrors Haven't Gone Away

By Anthony Lewis

BOSTON — The story has moved off the front page. It is approaching the limits of the American public's attention span for even the most unrelenting horrors.

At every hint of firm international action, the Serbs have pulled back.

ple and seeing that they die of the cold, for only one reason: because they are not Serbs. Although the newspaper and broadcast reports have become less prominent, anyone who wants to know what is happening in Bosnia can know.

A Few Reasons for U.S. Engagement in the Pacific

By Charles R. Larson

Admiral Larson is commander in chief, U.S. Pacific Command.

FORT H. M. SMITH, Hawaii — Recent events in Somalia and Haiti have elicited a chorus of neo-isolationist sentiment in America.

With the end of the Cold War, and the absence of an overt strategic military threat, America does not have a mandate for retrenchment. What it has is a chance to reap the dividends of a half-century investment in global stability.

most steadfast allies. The North has test-launched the Nodong missile, a potential nuclear delivery system, to ranges that can target large portions of Japan, another key U.S. ally.

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For Castro, New Era and Old Clothes

In the following excerpts, Fidel Castro, the Cuban leader replies to questions from Jas Gawronski, an Italian journalist and member of the European Parliament.

In Cuba one continues to talk about "revolution" and about "socialism" as if nothing had changed in the surrounding world.

No, they can't have the same meaning, and for two reasons: first of all, because we had an ambitious program then that has now been largely carried out; and second because the international situation has changed in a decisive way.

The disappearance of the socialist bloc has dealt us a heavy blow. Faced with the U.S. blockade, we were able to benefit from trade with the socialist countries, which represented a pole of support for the development of our economy.

A little while ago, before I turned on the recorder for the interview, I heard you speak about the United States with a certain degree of admiration or at least with a certain liking for it.

I have never failed to recognize the merits of the American people. One should not forget that the United States was a colony that fought hard for its independence and attained it.

acted the first modern constitution. Of course, all this was within the framework of a limited concept of democracy and freedom.

How many assassination attempts have you survived in your life?

If there were an Olympic event in this field, I would certainly have won the gold medal!

I would like you to satisfy a curiosity of mine. Why do you wear that guerrilla uniform?

These are my clothes, I've worn them all my life, they are comfortable and simple, they cost little, they never go out of style.

What I can state — and it's simply my opinion — is that Clinton is not a warring president, but a man of peace, a man who wants to do things for the American people.

You seem to be saying that for there to be an improvement in relations with the United States it will be necessary to wait for President Clinton to be re-elected.

For now, Clinton seems to be focused on his electoral promises and on the domestic problems of the United States.

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A Success In Helping The Poor

By Jessica Mathews

NEW YORK — Mohammed Yunus is an academic turned banker in Bangladesh who has turned the most sacred rules of the profession upside down and made himself a frequently mentioned Nobel Prize candidate in the process.

But the bankers still could not be convinced that Mr. Yunus's vision was sound and would not lead to his borrowers directly. Nothing, he concluded, would convince them.

Today, Grameen Bank has more than 1,000 branches and 1.6 million borrowers in 34,000 villages in Bangladesh. It lends \$90 million per month and enjoys a loan recovery rate of 97 percent.

Mr. Yunus saw the banking system as anti-poor, anti-literate and anti-women, and set out to reverse all three. He changed normal practices from "the more you have the more you can borrow," to "the less you have, the higher your priority."

Experience showed that the payoff from loans to men often did not find its way back to their wives and children. The benefit to whole families was much more reliable when the borrower was a woman.

Scattered around the world are thousands, perhaps tens of thousands, of small success stories like Mr. Yunus's program was 10 years ago.

Mr. Yunus wants to see his program spread around the world. There are no special conditions in Bangladesh, he thinks, that make the idea applicable there and not elsewhere.

The United States has recognized this convergence of economic and democratic interests for years, across numerous administrations.

Will the United States and its allies succeed in Korea? That answer lies in the future. But we know that the foundations for any future success were built in the past through years of peace and engagement in the Pacific.

The writer, a fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, contributed this comment to The Washington Post.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: Love's Labor Lost. LONDON — A curious action heard in the Queen's Bench yesterday [Dec. 20] was that brought by Lady Mabel Lievler to recover possession of letters written by her to Mr. Crosbie during their engagement.

1943: Arawe Captured. ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS. New Guinea — [From our New York edition:] American troops captured the Arawe air strip in southwestern New Britain Sunday [Dec. 29].

1918: Wilson's Itinerary. PARIS — All arrangements for the President's trip to the front have been almost completed.

family Christmas dinner on Christmas night. On Thursday morning he will leave for a visit of three or four days to England, where he will be the King's guest at Buckingham Palace.

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OPINION

Yeltsin: Take It From Me, It Was My Kind of Election

By William Safire

MOSCOW — The referendum and elections worked out as planned: I, Boris Yeltsin, am now the most powerful Kremlin leader since Yuri Andropov, and — at the same time — I am the only hope of the Western world.

My new villain says nothing disrespectful about me. Instead, he frightens everybody into my embrace.

unpublished polls showing reformers losing, they begged me to denounce Vladimir Zhirinovskiy.

Now, or "who against whom." First, I was against Mikhail Gorbachev; then against the Communist parliament.

I do not call him fascist, of course. I am like the American Eisenhower with Senator McCarthy, never engaging in personalities. Instead, my man Andrei Kozirev calls Mr. Zhirinovskiy a potential Hitler, and urges reformers to unite with Communists behind me to stop this terrible man.

Notice how, in return, my new villain says nothing disrespectful about me. Instead, he frightens everybody into my embrace.



By MOCHALOV in New Times (Moscow). C&W Syndicate.

murders about my promise to run for the presidency next June have stopped; now they beg me to run only when my term expires in 1996.

more his followers will lionize him. But my abandonment of the reformers worked. I have taken off the Western pressure to privatize our economy, and can move to the popular middle; I have concentrated constitutional power in my own hands; I have helped create a beatable bogeyman to make me indispensable.

Thinking of Taking the Elevator?

By Garrison Keillor

NEW YORK — On an elevator I watch the numbers over the door as they light up or I examine the shoes of other passengers.

An elevator is a box on a string. A delicate mechanism. Some are ancient; you hear chains clanking and wonder: "If it plunged 20 stories to the basement, would I stand a better chance of survival if I jumped up in the air just before it hit bottom?"

Often, riding elderly elevators grinding and whining up the mine shafts of New York, I have asked myself, "Is it perhaps more common than I think that in this city an elevator stops without warning between floors and hangs there for two or three or six or 10 hours while the occupants sit like rats in a coffee can and try to keep panic at bay?"

small disaster though. It would be big, perhaps the sort that makes a guy quit his job and move to Vermont and dip candles for a living.

The elevator suddenly lurches, stops, the lights go out, there is a faint odor of burning electronics and each one of us thinks: "I am not here and this is not happening to me."

I sit quietly in the corner and retrace those fateful steps that led me to take this exact elevator. Why didn't I duck into the coffee shop as I was just about to do and grab a buttered bagel?

downhill the way it is." So I dashed for this elevator. Now I am huddled here with eight panicky people listening to acetylene torches cutting through steel beams a few inches away.

When I tell friends, "I was trapped in an elevator recently and as a result I am not the same guy," they say things like, "You have always been afraid of that myself."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rushtdie's Lingering Saga

In response to "Here and There, the Righteous Don't Like to Learn" (Opinion, Dec. 7) by William Pfaff:

work, but doesn't say why, other than to assert that the idea is based on "ignorance or distortion of drug realities."

it, but for me it was my life: my driver's license, credit cards, date book, addresses and telephone numbers, Social Security card, medical insurance cards, and, most precious of all, a note that my mother wrote me the morning of the day she died, absolutely irreplaceable. I felt that if someone kind found my wallet, it would be turned in to the police, but I knew that most people would just toss it into the garbage.

and ignorance. Unfortunately, a 1981 fatwa, or decree, by the Grand Sheikh of Al Azhar referred to traditional Islamic law, which considers circumcision for male children an obligation and excision for female children a "recommendation," thus placing a heavy responsibility on traditionalist parents.

Power of the Press
In response to "Who Stole the News?" (Books, Nov. 25) by Mark Hershgold:

At issue is a press that has an inflated view of its power and moral authority. Members of the press need to believe that they can shape the course of history by telling us what they think we need to hear.

Decriminalizing Drugs

Regarding "Giving In Won't Make Drugs Go Away" (Opinion, Dec. 11):

A Different Travel Tale
Everyone has tales of woe about travel. But I have a story so beautiful that even I find it hard to believe.

A Custom to Be Banned
Last March, the International Fellowship of Reconciliation raised the serious issue of sexual mutilation being prac-

tioned in some societies, at a meeting of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights.

Pensioners to the Rescue?
In response to "Europe's Ailing Pensioners" (Dec. 4) by Erik Ijzen:

Who's That Whining?
William Safire's opinion column "A Whining Clinton and Two Others" (Nov. 23) is an excellent example of the adage that one criticizes and ascribes to others faults that are actually one's own.

BOOKS

FRANCIS BACON: His Life and Violent Times

By Andrew Sinclair, Illustrated. 354 pages. \$30. Crown Publishers.

Reviewed by Michiko Kakutani

THE images created by Francis Bacon are shocking ones, visceral, contorted, often horrific. Human beings metamorphosing into demonic birds and dogs, their bodies twisted unmercifully into grimaces of pain.

WHAT THEY'RE READING

William D. Montalbano, the Rome bureau chief of the Los Angeles Times, is reading "The Culture of Complaint: The Fraying of America" by Robert Hughes.



er's life and to situate his work within a historical context. Though the volume relies heavily at times on earlier books (including David Sylvester's fascinating "Interviews With Francis Bacon" and John Russell's "Francis Bacon"), it also draws upon the author's own talks with the painter, and it succeeds in giving the reader a vivid sense of both Bacon's maturation as a painter and the ways in which his work was shaped by his times.

style and to the work of artists who would indubitably shape his own vision. From Edward Munch and the German Expressionists, Sinclair notes, Bacon would learn about the iconography of emotional violence; from Otto Dix, Christian Schad and other practitioners of New Objectivity, he would learn the value of precision and detachment.

CHESS

By Robert Byrne

The Enhance Financial Services Chess Challenge, staged Oct. 4 to 13 at the Marshall Chess Club in Manhattan, finished in a rousing triumph for Maurice Ashley, a 27-year-old Brooklyn international master.



Of course, he had to return the piece after 15 Bc5 and 16 Bc3. But why did he defend against the check with 15...Kc7? Instead of heading for safer shelter with 15...Kb7?

Ashley quickly pounced on the error. After 16 Bc3 Bc7 17 Qc1!, Shabalov could not capture a pawn with 17...Qc5 because of 18 Bc5 Kb6 19 Bc7! Kc5 20 Bc4 21 Qb2 Kc4 22 Ra1 Kd5 23 Re5 Kc5 24 Qc5 Kc6 25 Re5 mate. So he tried 17...Qc4, but Ashley scored an annihilating shot with 18 Re4!

Table with chess notation and analysis for the game between White Ashley and Black Shabalov.

There, in the waning days of the Weimar Republic, Bacon was introduced to a sexually licentious life-

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# China Holds a Key In North Korea Rift

## Beijing Appears to Rule Out Sanctions in Nuclear Dispute

By Michael Richardson  
*International Herald Tribune*  
SINGAPORE — As pressure from the United States and South Korea for an international embargo against North Korea increased Monday, analysts said China appeared unlikely to back such a move.

Yonhap said Seoul and Washington will not make any further concessions to Pyongyang and may push for sanctions to force the North to allow inspections.

They said that Beijing's refusal to support United Nations economic sanctions, particularly an oil embargo, against its close neighbor and nominal ally would doom the attempt to failure and allow North Korea to continue its clandestine nuclear program.

During a meeting at the UN on Monday, North Korea delivered a formal response to the latest U.S. proposals, but details of it were not immediately disclosed.

The United States is considering sanctions as a possible instrument in an attempt to persuade North Korea to open its nuclear installations to thorough inspection by the U.S.

In a meeting with North Korean officials on Dec. 10, the U.S. offered to cancel a major military exercise held each year in South Korea and to hold talks on economic aid and diplomatic recognition of the North.

The U.S. will press for a UN oil embargo against North Korea if further talks fail to persuade it to comply with anti-nuclear agreements. Thomas F. (Mac) McLarty, the White House chief of staff, said Sunday on American television.

Winston Lord, assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, said recently that Beijing had been helpful in using its influence on North Korea over the nuclear issue.

Since Russia cut off oil supplies in 1991, two thirds of North Korea's petroleum needs have been provided by China.

Mr. Lord, a former ambassador to China, said Beijing had been "doing everything it can to discourage this from happening. They do counsel us to be patient in our diplomacy. We are patient, but time is running out."

At issue in the current dispute is North Korea's refusal to allow UN inspections to verify that the North is honoring a treaty commitment not to develop nuclear arms.

Kevin Clements, head of the Peace Research Center at the Australian National University in Canberra, said China's room to maneuver was limited by its strong support for the principle of noninterference in the internal affairs of other countries — a principle that China depended upon to defend itself against U.S. and other Western states' criticism of its record on human rights and democracy.

The United States has taken the lead in trying to negotiate a way out of the impasse. But on Monday, the South Korean news agency

attempts to persuade them to desist from going down the nuclear road," he said.



LET A HUNDRED CANDLES BURN — The unveiled statue of Mao Zedong in Shaoshan, Hunan Province, his birthplace. Mao, who died in 1976, would have been 100 next Sunday.

Nonetheless, Bntros Butros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, said in Tokyo on Monday that he was optimistic that Pyongyang would agree to a negotiated solution of the nuclear issue.

He will be the first UN chief since 1979 to visit North Korea. He travels to South Korea on Wednesday and to the North on Friday.

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In the current swirl of Italy's politics, where eddies of corruption compete with shoals of conspiracy to capsize most guessing about the future, his noncommittal tactics may turn out to be just as appropriate as the bluster and bravura of his rightist adversaries.

If his strategy succeeds, it will mean that, after decades in opposition, the country's former Communists will finally take power just when the country is confronting its worst postwar economic and political crisis — another cause for Mr. Occhetto's circumspection.

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# Sinn Fein Demands Release Of All Imprisoned IRA Rebels

By Eugene Robinson  
*Washington Post Service*  
LONDON — The leader of the Irish Republican Army's political unit said Monday that all "political prisoners" must be released as part of a peace deal in Northern Ireland — something Britain has said it will not do.

last week was hailed as potentially the best chance for peace in years.

A negotiated settlement will remove the symptoms as well as the causes of the conflict," said Gerry Adams, head of Sinn Fein, the IRA's political arm. "As part of this it is obvious that all prisoners must be released."

The issue of prisoners arose this weekend when Mr. Reynolds hinted that an amnesty was among the "areas for discussion" once a halt to violence had been achieved. British officials immediately denied that any amnesty was under discussion. But then Mr. Adams made his statement, crediting Mr. Reynolds with having raised the issue.

Protestant unionist leaders reacted sharply, saying that any talk of amnesty might make them withdraw their cautious support for the joint declaration on Northern Ireland issued last week by Mr. Major and the Irish prime minister, Albert Reynolds.

He blamed Mr. Reynolds for his "unnecessary and unhelpful" remarks that amounted to "almost enticing Mr. Adams to make this sort of demand, which certainly cannot be met."

The IRA has waged a 25-year campaign to drive the British out of Northern Ireland and join with the Irish Republic. Unionists, who constitute a majority, favor remaining part of Britain. After more than 3,000 deaths and billions of dollars' worth of damage, the initiative launched by Mr. Major and Mr. Reynolds

At issue, according to Sinn Fein, are more than 500 convicted IRA members in Northern Ireland jails, about 150 more awaiting trial and around 30 others incarcerated in Britain. There are also believed to be several hundred unionist paramilitaries jailed in Northern Ireland.

# 'Red Menace?' or 'New Left?'

## Italy's Former Communists Walk on Tiptoes

By Alan Cowell  
*New York Times Service*  
ROME — It is sometimes said that Achille Occhetto, the leader of Italy's former Communists, is indecisive. These days, as he contemplates a twist of fortune that may turn him into his country's next prime minister, it might be more accurate to say that it is not yet the time to make up his mind.

Such permutations have arisen from the collapse of Italy's traditional center of gravity — the Christian Democrats, the Socialists and their allies — because of the investigations into "billion-dollar kickbacks paid by businessmen to politicians."

With municipalities from Naples to Venice now run by leftist-backed figures, the challenge facing Mr. Occhetto is to translate a local vote into a national consensus that will fill the vacuum left by the disgrace of Italy's former political elite in the country's huge corruption scandal.

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With the exception of a few specific cases, we were not involved in "Tangentopoli," Mr. Occhetto said, referring to the scandal by its Italian nickname, which translates as "bribe city."

Not everyone accepts that account. Mr. Craxi told a court Friday that the Communist Party became the biggest of its kind in Western Europe through illicit financing from the Soviet Union — a matter that magistrates have apparently not explored and that the former Communist Party denies.

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# God's Place Debated In Germany

By Reuters  
BONN — German politicians argued over God's place in the country's constitution on Monday after Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats accused a political opponent of wanting the name deleted.

# Secret Hiroshima Film Is Discovered in Japan

United Press International  
TOKYO — The uncut version of a documentary shot immediately after the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki was discovered in the archives of a film company where it had been hidden for 48 years to prevent confiscation by the Allied powers, the Kyodo News Service reported Monday.

The film depicts the devastating aftermath of the nuclear raids that ended World War II in the Pacific, focusing on the ordeals of victims and rescue measures, a spokesman for Nippon Eiga Shinsha Co. told Kyodo.

# Wallace Bennett Dies, Ex-Senator From Utah

The Associated Press  
SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — Wallace F. Bennett, 95, a conservative Republican who was a U.S. senator from Utah for 24 years, died Sunday.

Günter Verheugen, party manager of the opposition Social Democrats, came under fire not only from the Christian Democrats but also from his own ranks for making the suggestion in a newspaper article. The attacks prompted Mr. Verheugen to deny later that he was pushing for the change to be made.

Mr. Bennett suffered a slight fall Saturday at his Salt Lake City home.

Assaults overturned or damaged 35 gravestones in Worms, an apparent neo-Nazi desecration of the largest and oldest Jewish cemetery in Europe, prosecutors said Monday, according to The Associated Press.

Joseph Bell, 89, a former Republican senator from Minnesota who lost his seat to Hubert H. Humphrey in 1948, died of a stroke Saturday.

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## The Latest Jet Set Put-On Festive Jewelry: Only Black Will Do

By Suzy Menkes  
International Herald Tribune

**P**ARIS—Jet jewelry has gone from mourning to evening. The dark stones, as black as coal but glistening like caviar, entwine throats and decorate bosoms this winter—just as they did a century ago in that other fin de siècle.

But joining the jet set in the 1990s is quite different from the days when an aged Queen Victoria was on the throne, her husband was in his grave, and jet was part of an elaborate mourning ritual.

Jet is now designed jewelry—used to lift an evening outfit from sober to sumptuous. It has become a splash of glamour in the wave of black clothing that has overtaken fashion this season.

Donna Karan had jet drooping like tendrils of ivy in long chains over layers of dark clothes. Anna Sui made jet sexy, sewing it in strategic clumps on lacy bras. Ralph Lauren showed the jet choker as part of his Russian collection, mixing it with russet paisley patterns for a contrast of color and texture. Christian Lacroix took inspiration from the Edwardian era, making wide chokers or using delicate jet embroidery enmeshed with a patchwork of lace.

For Yves Saint Laurent, jet was scattered like black stardust on a crusty black lace cocktail dress. Valentino let it fall in a shower of stripes; Oscar de la Renta at Balmain buried it in velvet. Ann Demeulemeester used jet primly, cutting up pieces of antique embroidery as appliques on shiny satin dresses or dull wool jackets.

Jet does not have to come out only at night. It makes a dramatic statement as a splatter of licorice, black on the lapels of a scarlet wool coat; or it can be a dark patch on gray flannel.

The contrast with 100 years ago comes when jet shadows and shades see-through materials. Although Edwardians favored lacy fabrics, they were not worn over bare flesh. Now transparent tulle or sheer chiffon are made dense and decent with black bead embroidery. So jet has become seductive decoration, used to highlight and accent clothes, and what was once used for lamentation now suggests the merriest of widows.

Jewelry too has become bold and daring. Today's abstract pins or dainty earrings are a far cry from the lugubrious brooches once pinned to widows' weaves.

Why jet? Why now? It is partly just the shift in fashion, which is taking off the 1980s glitz after a surfeit of gilt bangles and baroque stones. Both psychologically and in its penitential style, jet fits the current mood.

And who still wears jet for mourning? The origins of the polished driftwood go back to prehistory, to Greeks, Romans and Chinese. Jet was used as an amulet to ward off the evil eye, even before it was taken up as a Christian symbol in the Middle Ages. Right up to recent times, ancient superstitions about avoiding reflected images in a mourning period encouraged the use of jet in its unpolished, mat version. The elaborate cult of the dead, which produced

memoriam and a rigid code of dress and decoration, has now been abandoned, except in a few remaining communities. The idea is now to celebrate the lives of the departed, rather than to honor them with ritual clothing.

For eminent Victorians the complex rules were a beakwork to the status quo and signaled wealth and status. Wearing the correct degree of mourning became a social mine field, according to Lou Taylor in "Mourning Dress," published in London in 1983. She quotes a young woman describing the "horror" of her family as she appeared on Queen Victoria's funeral day in 1901 in "a rich violet costume," which was "the only bit of colour in all London."

All that paraphernalia of mourning is now dead and buried. And when an item of apparel loses its natural function, it tends to become fashionable. Humble aprons, military uniforms or peasant skirts are all turning up in fashion collections, now that they have more or less disappeared from society.

So it is with jet. It has become just another fashion item, its shimmer and gleam appropriate to the festive season.

If you want to buy jet as a gift or for yourself, what should you buy? Real jet Victorian pieces were produced mostly in Whitby, a coastal town in the north of England. They were carved into flowers and leaves,

decorated with symbols, names and messages, sculpted into lockets and pins, and were often solid (not to stay solid) in shape. That traditional mourning jewelry can be found in antique stores and thrift shops.

You do not necessarily need to beware of imitations. Antique pieces may be in black glass paste, once known as "French jet," or in ebony and vulcanite, early synthetics. Such pieces may seem prettier and more decorative than genuine jet and will be made into hair combs or buckles as well as the familiar trinkets. By the 1890s, jet jewelry had followed current fashions and lightened up, with designs similar to various Art Nouveau swirls and scrolls.

Modern jet is now widely copied in plastic, making the fashionable look of the winter season available at inexpensive prices. A string of faceted beads looks much the same in its cheap and cheerful version as in the genuine article, although for complex workmanship you will need to buy either an old piece or a designer version. Favorite shapes are still the turn-of-the-century choker and small beads or carved pieces threaded into necklaces or bracelets.

Now that taboos have been lifted, jet is also being mixed with other stones—not just the diamonds and pearls that were always acceptable if you had the money and status, but wilder mixes of color and texture. Jet buttons are inset with ruby-red stones; earrings are framed in dull gilt or studded with coral.

To be at the height of fashion, it may be best to follow Henry Ford's dictum that you can have any color as long as it is black. But for the jet set, both the imagination and the variety is soaring up and away.

After a surfeit of gilt and baroque stones, jet fits the current mood.



For a splash of glamour in the wave of black clothing that has overtaken fashion, designers have turned to jet beads: Anna Sui's embroidered lacy bra, bolero and star pendant, above; Yves Saint Laurent's sparklers on a cocktail dress, top; turn-of-the-century choker and beaded embroidery by Christian Lacroix.

## Merry New Age Holidays It's Getting to Be a Lot Like Solstice

By Molly O'Neill  
New York Times Service

**N**EW YORK—This year's holiday greeting cards arrive. More traditions of the manger, more pictures of triumphant angels, more images of the big fat guy in the red suit.

But among the standard-issue greetings lurk notes of disaffection, even hints of rebellion.

"Lose your Xmas Depression!" reads one greeting card. "Celebrate Winter Solstice!"

"Solstice Class is coming to town!" announces another.

The Hallmark Card Co. has yet to introduce a solstice line. And Paul Winter's "Solstice Live" recording hasn't replaced Bing Crosby's carols in homes across the country.

But winter solstice rituals, "Nutcracker"-scale pageants played out in the midnight mass mood, abound.

The events, which celebrate the return of light after the longest night of the year on Dec. 21—Tuesday, this year—seem to be just the ticket for those whose seasonal sentiment runs toward the ecological, feminist, noncommercial and slightly pagan.

"I belong to a Christian church, but the winter solstice has more meaning to me and my family than Christmas," said Ronald Basto, a former classics professor who is a real estate broker in Amherst, Massachusetts.

The solstice predates the Roman Saturnalia, which predates Christmas. Solstice is more universal, more inclusive than most religious holidays. No matter what faith they are, everybody hates dark days; there's almost a biological urge to celebrate the return of light.

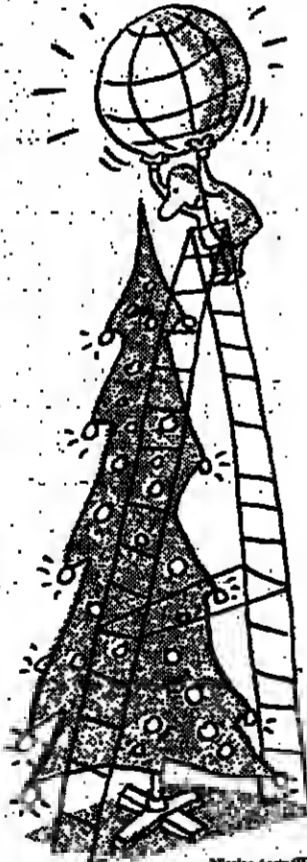
Some light a memorial, others a Christmas tree. Still others, like Basto, who refers to his solstice observance as "applied mythology," favor candles and bonfires.

**L**ATTER-DAY solstice celebrants draw liberally from a panoply of folk traditions—Scandinavian, American Indian, Celtic, Asian and Egyptian lore are the most widely used—which makes the solstice a have-it-your-way sort of holiday.

Feminists and devotees of Wicca, the ancient cult of goddesses, tend to celebrate the solstice as the birthday of a cosmic mother.

"Winter solstice is the moment of greatest darkness," said Phyllis Currot, a lawyer in Manhattan who is the first officer of the Covenant of the Goddess, an international organization of Wiccans.

"We celebrate that darkness as a place of resting, dreaming and nurturing, like a womb of earth waiting for seeds."



For many who observe it, the solstice, with its hand-made feel and low-key candle-lit traditions, is an antidote to the rampant commercialism of Christmas.

"When the season reaches its frenzied crescendo just before Christmas, I already have the holidays behind me," said Burleigh Mitten, who publishes "The Return of the Goddess" engagement calendar.

"My husband and children and I celebrate on the 21st with a candle-lit tree, gifts, feasting and a bonfire. Then we have a few days of rest and quiet while everyone else is running around like maniacs."

For mixed-faith families, the solstice can be a celestial compromise.

"I'm Jewish, my husband is Catholic and solstice saves a lot of argument," said Marian Ackler, a social worker in San Francisco.

The American Atheist Society also supports the solstice celebration.

"With the diversity of world opinion and so many divisive areas, does it not make sense to convert festival times to neutral, national natural celebrations in which all peoples who call the earth home can participate as one?" said Jon G. Murray, the president of the society, which is based in Austin, Texas.

**H**OLLY, mistletoe and evergreen trees were all pagan symbols of the solstice, said Ellen Hopman, author of "Tree Medicine, Tree Magic" (Phoenix Publishing, 1991), a compendium of healing and mystical herbs.

"Wreaths represented the life cycle, frankincense was burned for purification, as was juniper," she said. "The pagan symbols were too powerful and pervasive to eliminate, so modern religions just coopted them."

Public celebrations use an even wider array of symbols than private ones do, and they are more spectacular and theatrical.

At the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, the first hour of mass is performed in darkness, before the folk dancers and musicians greet a giant brass gong that appears, like the sun, suspended above the audience. The troupe serenades a giant handmade "tree of life," then a spotlighted globe that materializes above the altar, like a Christmas ornament, hanging on an invisible tree.

It is an evening of shivers and tingles and awe. Just like Christmas used to be. But at the cathedral, there is also the palpable possibility that the 3,000 people in the audience will suddenly jump up, join hands and start singing "We are the World."

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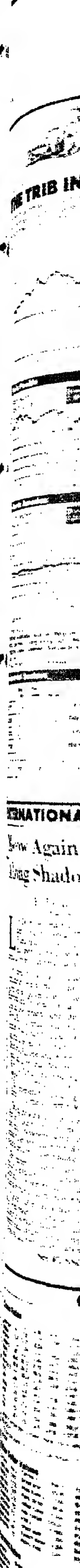
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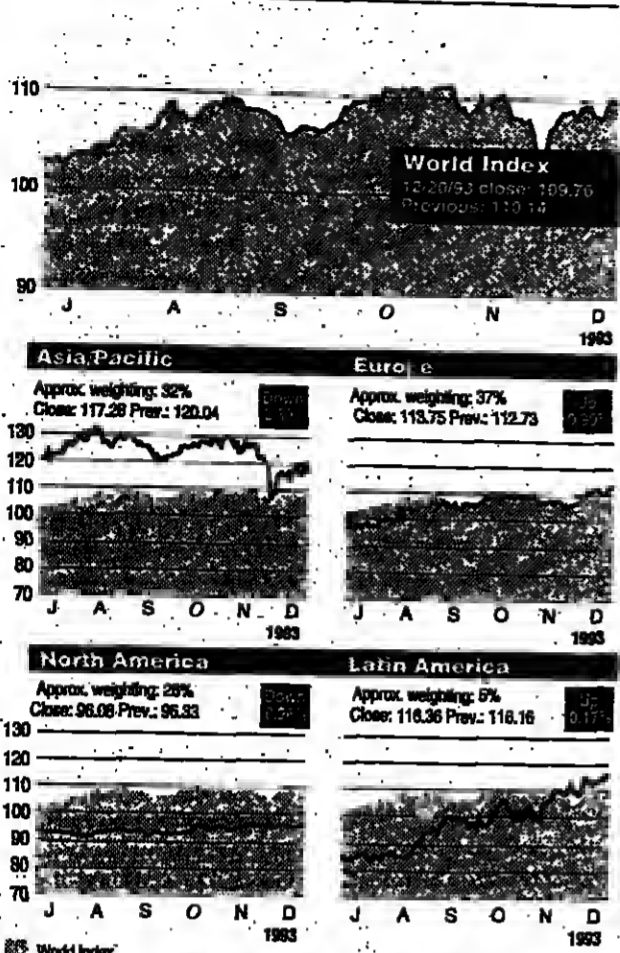


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ing issues outnumbered advances by an 11-to-9 ratio. Volume was moderate at about 249 million shares.

Dollar Rises Further Against Yen and Mark

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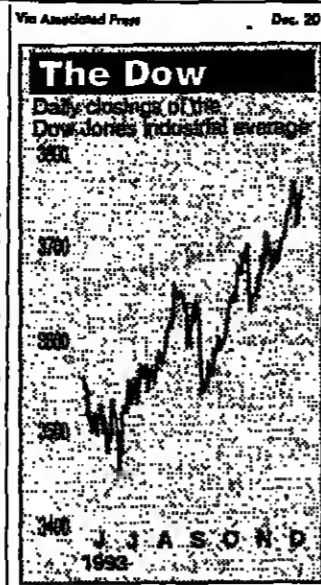
Analysts said the Swiss franc was boosted by the market's assessment that growth prospects were better at the moment in Switzerland than in Germany, as well as the franc's role as a haven for investors in a time of uncertainty about Russia.

The dollar touched an intraday high of 110.80 yen, its highest level since June 23, and closed at 110.60 yen, up from 110.20 Friday.

IBM Delays Unveiling of 2 PC Models

NEW YORK — International Business Machines Corp. said Monday it was delaying the release of two upgraded PS/2 personal computer models due to technical problems.

Monday that it could not estimate when the models would be ready. "We are in the process of informing customers that our PS/2 76 and 77 models will be severely constrained in January and February due to technical problems," a company spokesman said.



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Merck to Speed Work on AIDS Drug NEW YORK (Reuters) — Merck & Co. said Monday it would accelerate the development of an experimental AIDS drug that has shown promise in preliminary clinical trials.

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company, which plans to cut 51,000 jobs by the end of 1994. Speaking of the recovery plan, Mr. Reuter told the shareholders, "The question must be asked whether it is in your interest that the costs should be entirely borne by employees."

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BCCI Holders In Abu Dhabi Seek \$9 Billion

ABU DHABI — The Abu Dhabi shareholders in the failed Bank of Credit & Commerce International filed a \$9 billion civil claim on Monday against 13 former BCCI executives already being tried in the emirate on criminal charges.

Last-Ditch Bid for Aerolineas Argentinas Bailout

MADRID — Iberia Lineas Aereas de España SA is holding talks with the Argentine government in Buenos Aires that the airline considers the last chance to save its Aerolineas Argentinas affiliate, an Iberia spokesman said Monday.

Siemens Plans a 'Large Investment'

MUNICH — Siemens AG said Monday that it planned to make a "large investment" in microelectronics in Dresden. Details of the project will be announced on Thursday at a press conference in Dresden, a company spokesman said.

EC Targets Asian Microwave Ovens

BRUSSELS — The European Commission has started an anti-dumping investigation of imports of microwave ovens from China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea, Thailand and Malaysia, the commission said Monday.

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SPORTS

49ers: 10th Division Title

The Associated Press. This time, the San Francisco 49ers took no prisoners, and they definitely took no chances.

Having blown a big lead the week before, and with it a chance to clinch the NFC West title, the 49ers scored on every possession in the first half Sunday and swapped the lead Detroit Lions, 35-17, to win their 10th division title in 12 years.

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Montana called a 40-second timeout after Junior Seau flattened him. Looking wobbly, he put the Chiefs ahead, 21-17, with his pass to Birden and then left the game.

Kansas City rallied from a 17-0 deficit and remained tied with Buffalo and Houston for the home-field advantage in the AFC.

Raiders 27, Buccaneers 20: Los Angeles, playing at home, scored touchdowns on its first two possessions and held off Tampa Bay. Jeff Hostetler threw a 27-yard TD pass to Alexander Wright and Napoleon McCallum ran 5 yards for a 68-yard score.

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In earlier games, reported in some Monday editions:

Bills 47, Dolphins 34: In Miami, Buffalo won the highest-scoring NFL game this season as Mickey Washington returned an interception 77 yards for a touchdown and Ed McCaskey scored on a 25-yard fumble return.

The Bills led by 47-20 after scoring three touchdowns in the first six minutes of the second half. Miami, which had the league's best record three weeks ago, has lost three in a row, all at home.

Oilers 26, Steelers 17: Houston won its second AFC Central crown in three years as Warren Moon hit running back Gary Brown with a 38-yard scoring pass and safety Bo Orlando returned an interception 35 yards for a touchdown in the first 5:23 of the game in Pittsburgh. But the Oilers lost leading receiver Webster Slaughter for the rest of the season with torn knee ligaments.

Vikings 21, Packers 17: Minnesota's Jim McMahon threw three touchdowns passes in Milwaukee to win his 10th consecutive start against Green Bay. The Packers missed a chance to clinch their first playoff spot in a nonstruck season since 1972, while the Vikings retained a chance to repeat as AFC Central champs.

Patriots 20, Browns 17: Leonard Russell ran four yards for a touchdown and two minutes left to give New England its victory and eliminate host Cleveland from the playoffs.

Redskins 30, Falcons 17: Washington took advantage of six turnovers by Bob-Yobek, beat Atlanta for the 10th straight time at RFK Stadium and knocked the Falcons out of the playoffs.



Mel Gray was hauled down by Sanjay Beach as the Lions got nowhere against the awesome 49ers.

Slovene Skier Gets First Cup Victory

MADONNA DI CAMPIGLIO, Italy — Jure Kosir edged the favored Alberto Tomba by nine-hundredths of a second in the slalom Monday to get his first World Cup victory, and the first ever by a Slovene skier in the yearly competition.

Kosir, 21, skied the fastest first run in 45.71 seconds and added 48.98 seconds in the second run down the steep Miramonti course for a winning aggregate of 1 minute, 34.69 seconds.

Tomba finished second in his second consecutive race, and missed getting his third victory of the season, in 1:34.78 minutes.

The Olympic champion, Christian Jagge of Finland, took third place, 0.24 seconds behind the winner.

Kosir's previous best had been a second place in Lech, Austria, about a year ago. "I can't imagine a sweeter win. I beat Tomba, the best world slalom skier."

Kosir became the first Slovene to win a World Cup race since his country was declared independent, although other Slovene skiers had won World Cup races competing under the colors of Yugoslavia.

Despite defeat in front of a partisan crowd of about 10,000 in this Italian Dolomite resort, Tomba vaulted atop the World Cup standings, with 454 points.

Kjeil Andre Aamodt of Norway and Gantner Mader of Austria lost one place each overall, falling to second and third respectively with 447 and 423 points. Mader finished ninth and Aamodt 10th in the slalom Monday.

The next World Cup race, a super giant slalom, is scheduled at Lech on Wednesday.

The women's World Cup slalom scheduled for Wednesday in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, was called off because of rain. FIS said it was negotiating with Maribor, Slovenia, to stage the race in addition to a slalom and a giant slalom scheduled for Jan. 22 and 23.

SIDELINES

Jury Postpones Whitbread Ruling. SOUTHAMPTON, England (Reuters) — Requests by three yachts in the Whitbread Round the World Race to reconsider the compensation awarded to Winston after she answered a distress call will be dealt with later in the event, the International Yacht Council said.

It recommended delaying any response to the requests until a future stopover in the race — which resumes Jan. 9 with the third leg from Fremantle, Australia, to Auckland — because two members of the jury have left Australia and, under International Yacht Racing rules, the hearing must be conducted with the original protest committee.

NBA Suspends Rodman and King. NEW YORK (AP) — Dennis Rodman of the San Antonio Spurs, the NBA's rebounding leader, and the Chicago Bulls' Steve King were both suspended for a game and fined Monday for a fight Saturday night night.

For the Record. England's exhibition soccer match against Germany on April 20 in Hamburg may be called off, officials said Monday, because it coincides with the anniversary of Adolf Hitler's birthday and could create a security problem.

Wolfgang Hoppe, the 1984 Olympic bobsled champion, has been dismissed from the German military because he had kept silent about his contacts with secret police in East Germany, the bobsled federation said Monday. That was not expected affect his hopes of competing in February's Games in Lillehammer, Norway.

Mike Tyson, the former heavyweight champion, was granted a hearing Monday by the Indiana Court of Appeals on a legal point in his conviction for rape. The hearing, which was not immediately scheduled, will allow Tyson to argue his claim that prosecutors knew the woman who accused him of rape also was considering suing him.

Jeane Barfield signed a contract with the Houston Astros next season, despite a verbal agreement to play for the Yakult Swallows, an official of the 1993 Japan champion said Monday.

Steffi Graf said she will not play in next year's Hamburg women's tennis tournament, where her rival, Monica Seles, was stabbed in April, the German federation said.

Charlie Smitke, 57, the four-time winner of the English Derby, died Monday in Leatherhead, England.

Quotable. Charles Barkley: "Being Charles Barkley all the time is a grind."

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL. The teams in the college basketball poll with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 18, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous rankings: Record Pts Pts

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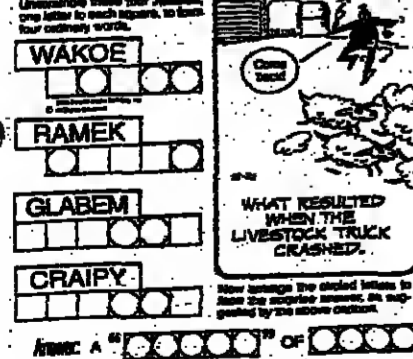
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OLYMPIC SPORTS

World Cup Skiing. Results Monday from Madonna di Campiglio, Italy: 1. Jure Kosir (Slovene), one minute, 34.69 seconds; 2. Alberto Tomba (Italy), 1:34.78; 3. Finn Christian Johansson (Norway), 1:34.93.

World Cup Standings (after eleven races): 1. Tomba, 454 points; 2. Aamodt, 423; 3. Mader, 423; 4. Stangassinger, 385; 5. Kneip, 286; 6. Franziska Pflieger, 289; 7. Bernhard Gstrein, Austria, 229; 8. Marc Girardelli, Luxembourg, 200; 9. Jochen Zopp, 16; Christian Mayer, Austria, 24.

TRANSATLANTICS

Baseball. CHICAGO—Traded Bob Scanlon, pitcher, to Milwaukee for Rafael Novoa, pitcher, and Mike Carter, outfielder.

National Hockey Association. ATLANTA—Acquired Doug Rivers, forward, from Indiana.

National Hockey League. NEW YORK—Pul Doc Rivers, guard, on injured list. Sloane Curry, goalie, on injured list.

DALLAS—Acquired Jim McKeon left wing from Florida for Jim Rife, right wing. Assigned Troy Gerbet, defenseman, to Kalamazoo, IHL.

DETROIT—Recalled Bob Holstad, defenseman, from Grand Rapids, AHL.

THIRD TEST. Pakistan vs. Zimbabwe. Fourth Day. Monday, in Lahore, Pakistan. Zimbabwe 1st innings: 230; Pakistan 2nd innings: 17 (27 overs).

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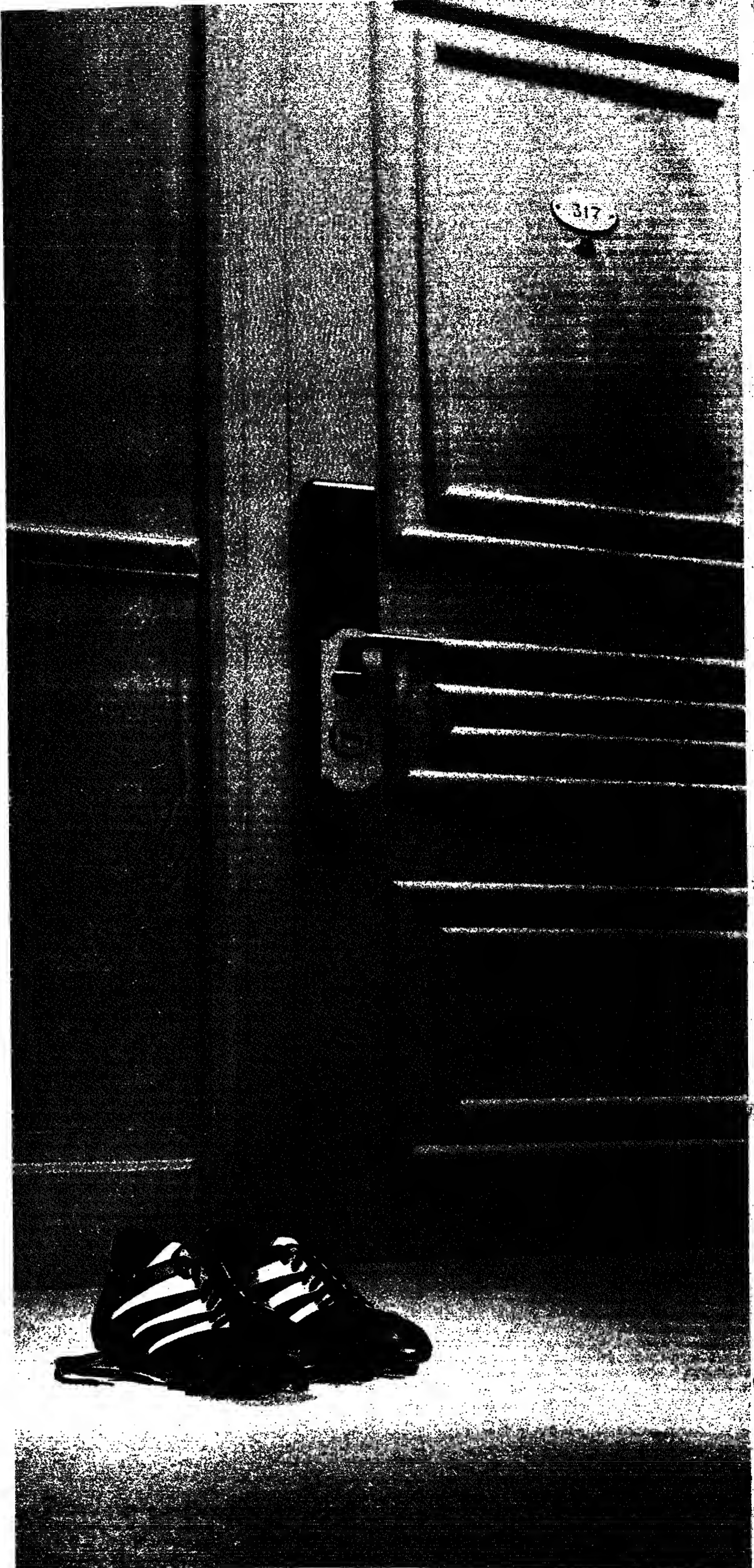


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SPORTS

Who Plays Who, Where And When

Draw Landed Italy and Brazil in Toughest Cup Groups

Germany and Argentina Fared Best

Table with match schedules for Group A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z.

World Cup First-Round Draw map showing match locations across the United States with stadium names like Soldier Field, Cotton Bowl, etc.

Table with match schedules for Group D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z.

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches LAS VEGAS — If soccer's World Cup draw is rigged, as many have supposed through the years, it definitely was not fixed this time in favor of perennial favorite Italy or the host United States.

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Soccer Is Peddling the Wrong Product in America

By Ian Thomson International Herald Tribune LAS VEGAS — He said, "It is up to FIFA to make the choice of people who belong in the final draw. There are no obligations in this matter. It is something that belongs to FIFA."

use of the funds is not allowed? The scoring is too low? The U.S. sports calendar is stuffed full already? FIFA scratches its head.

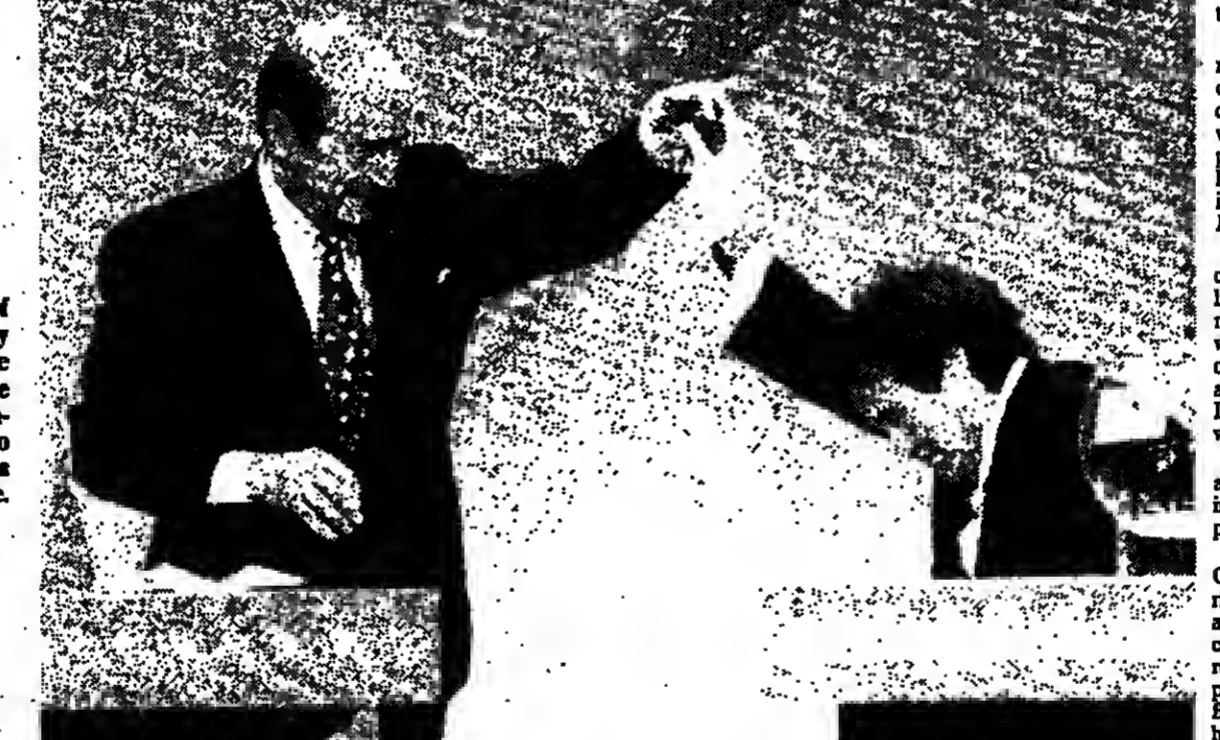
Americans ignore soccer because they can't tell you who plays it. It has nothing to do with the feet or the scoring or the competition.

People are paying an average of \$58 for 3.6 million World Cup tickets in order to watch players. They could not care less about politicians and administrators.

It is obvious that these politicians love the spotlight. One gets the feeling that they are not so willing to share it.

It is overwhelming, the depths of ignorance plumb by those trying to sell soccer for the umpteenth time to a culture that creates entertainment for the rest of the world.

Sepp Blatter, the secretary general of FIFA, being passed a selection ball by comedian Robin Williams during the draw in Las Vegas.



When layer after layer after layer of corporate sponsors agreed to invest millions in this startup venture, did they realize that their products and services were going to be tied into the personality of Sepp Blatter?

Leo Beenhakker, the Dutchman who is the Saudi's new coach, repeated that "at the moment I know more about my opponents than my own team. Saudi Arabia is champion of Asia and that has to mean something, but I don't know how they compare to European and South American football teams.

Look for the Talented Latins to Conquer the North

LAS VEGAS — Soccer is today between the devil and a bright a new dawn. Its soul cries out for performers to rescue the sport from the self-interest of its administrators.

It is not new, or unexpected, for the powers that be to throw players out into the mid-day sun in such humid places as Orlando and Dallas.

It is now 20 years since Havelange ousted Sir Stanley Rous, a former English schoolmaster, as overlord at FIFA House.

It is true, it is now or never. Cameroon, the most hypotically appealing team of 1990, is past that peak (although, with my judgment on Havelange's staying power you might discard such judgment).

Nevertheless, Nigeria looks to be the present power from Africa, especially if the strikers Daniel Amokachi and Rashidi Yekini rise to the task.

CONTRARILY, one thing that has hindered the African breakthrough has been European respect for it. European coaches on African soil tend to stum

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On the Oyster Beat

WASHINGTON — Whenever I want to know what the economy is doing, I ask Joe Rees who sells almost-real Rolex...



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have been consulted about what kind of ads they run in the newspapers. I agreed with Joe. "That's the trouble. You have no control when you buy imitation goods from a dealer..."

Debris Found in Sea Linked to Saint-Exupéry

PARIS — Researchers said Monday that traces of debris found in the Mediterranean may be from the World War II plane that crashed with French author Antoine de Saint-Exupéry in the cockpit.

Several people were examining the watches. A young man was holding one to his ear. "It isn't ticking," he said. Rees explained, "Quartz watches don't tick. That's why they are so much in demand."

A Dubliner Gets His Encores

By John Rockwell

DUBLIN — For a man on the verge of being about as famous as serious contemporary authors can be, Roddy Doyle, 35, is acting pretty gun-shy.



Author Roddy Doyle: "I'm more concerned whether it's a good read."

regards it as a substitute for his 14 years of teaching grade-school English and geography in a Dublin public school, a job he finally gave up earlier this year.

Doyle was born in 1958. But the author, who grew up in a north Dublin suburb not unlike his fictional Barrytown but who has long since led a more middle-class existence, said his latest book recalls his own life only in details, not in its plot.

"The place is mine; the time is mine," he said. "There are memories of my own, running through a field and seeing pheasants fly up, balls of dust under the kitchen table. But the story isn't mine. I'm glad to say. My parents are still happily married, and have been for 44 years. My own kids are far too young to have been any help at all, and the kids I used to teach were 12 and 15, and that's a significantly different age than 10."

Nonetheless, one wonders how autobiographical one passage in "The Commitments" is, when Doyle has his young protagonist recall: "I loved making up stuff, I loved the way the next bit came into my head, it made sense and expanded and I could keep going till I came to the end; it was like being in a race. I always won."

After laboring through the early 1980s on a gigantic, never published political satire called "Your Granny's a Hunger Striker" ("It was the weight of a house brick," he said once), Doyle turned to a shorter, quicker subject and published "The Commitments" privately in 1985. It sold only 1,000 copies, but Heinemann in London picked it up and Doyle was on his way.

Since then, he has always been popular with the Irish reading public, and "Paddy Clarke" was mostly admired by Irish critics, a turnaround Doyle attributes to steadily friendly British reviews and, now, the Booker accolades.

Still, whether he is "making up stuff," whether he is writing proper literature or just setting down real life like some docu-journalist, has been a constant source of debate, and one that still riddles Irish critics, accustomed to the higher-flown raptures of so many great Irish writers, had their doubts.

"My writing has been labeled photography with a word processor," Doyle said with evident bitterness. "It's not literature, anybody can do it. The other complaint, which I think was fairer, was that it was insulting to the working class. Because my background is not working class, I was exploiting people."

His determined effort to expand his craft, to take on intimate details of family life and even the perspective of a 10-year-old, belies the accusation of journalism. Certainly no tape recorder could capture real life as poignantly as Doyle's creations.

"It's fiction," he said of "Paddy Clarke." "It's pure spoof. I'm not too concerned, really, if it's actually accurate. I'm more concerned whether it's a good read, that people are convinced by it. Whether they're convinced because it's true or because they're convinced it's true, that's somebody else's problem."

PEOPLE

Not, Says Prince Edward

British press reports that Prince Edward and Sophie Rhys-Jones are planning to marry early next year appear to be premature. Brian MacLennan, the young woman's employer, said Monday, "I have spoken to Sophie and Prince Edward this morning and the key message from them is, 'Give us a break.'"

For that special Republican who has everything, the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Birthplace in Yorba Linda, California has issued a catalogue of gifts ("Phone Now! Orders Shipped Within 24 Hours") unlikely to be available in many other stores.

Mickey Rooney, 73, will make his debut as a novelist next spring in a unusual venture with the publisher Carol Books in which he will receive no advances against royalties but will receive half the profits from the book.

Judy Garland's half-sized Oscar won for "The Wizard of Oz" of 1939 will withdraw from auction, four days after Vivien Leigh's Best Actress award was sold for \$563,000.

Seven Spielberg's three-hour-plus drama about the Holocaust, "Schindler's List," failed to make the Top 10 list on its first weekend, but grossed an estimated \$360,000.

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Piano" over Spielberg, whose "Schindler's List" was rated best picture. In a statement by association President Henry Sheehan, the critics responded to industry observers who "have tried to pump the spirit up into some kind of swindle" at Spielberg. Sheehan had particularly harsh words for Michael Medved, whose column in the New York Post described the association's choice of Campion to "this feverish hunger to honor a woman — at all costs."

A 22-year-old design student from Tokyo based 80 rivals from around the world to win the 11th annual International Contest for Young Fashion Creators. Elyseki Sakaki, a graduate of Tokyo's Bunka Fashion School, won a scholarship stipend worth 20,000 francs (\$3,400), a one-year stint at the Paris Chambre Syndicale fashion school.

The novelist Colleen McCullough and her husband were ordered to pay \$164,000 to a gardener who hurt his back while mowing Norman Lindsay Tackley joined his back four years ago while driving a tractor mower on their property and the mower unexpectedly fell into a hole. The accident, said the judge, "was and will, interfere significantly with his lifestyle and with his marital relationship."

The music won't stop for John Williams, even after he waves his baton for the last time as director of the Boston Pops. In the works for 1994 is Williams' score for Steven Spielberg's adaptation of the Robert J. Walker's best-selling book "The Bridges of Madison County."

Singer Bill Anderson picked one line to sum up his 30 years in the country music business: "I Hope You're Living as High as the Hog as the Pig You Turned Out to Be." That is the name of Anderson's new book of anecdotes about the country music world.

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WEATHER

Forecast for Wednesday through Friday, as provided by Accu-Weather.



North America Washington, D.C., to Boston will have windy and cold weather Wednesday. Light snow or flurries will occur later this week. Cold weather will continue through Christmas Day.

Asia Bitter cold weather from Beijing to Seoul at midweek will gradually ease later in the week. Japan will have windy, cold weather later this week with snow and flurries across the north. Tokyo will be windy and cold with some sunshine. Storm will soak the central Philippines westward through central Vietnam.

Africa Algeria 18.6/12.3/3 to 19.6/11.5/2.3 Cape Town 20.7/11.6/1 to 23.8/19.9/6.5

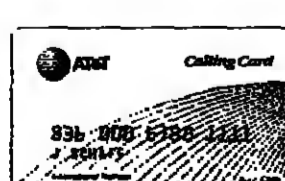
Middle East Baghdad 13.3/3.7/2 to 17.1/4.2/5.5 Cairo 16.1/6.2/3 to 19.3/5.2/3.3

Latin America Bogota 13.3/3.7/2 to 17.1/4.2/5.5 Caracas 11.8/1.9/2 to 16.0/0.8/4.8

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